

SECTION 2.16 SECURITY CONCERNS

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2.16.1 FACILITY ACCESS

Department of Transportation regulations require that each operator provide protection for each pumping station and breakout tank area and other exposed facilities (such as scraper traps) from vandalism and unauthorized entry. To meet this requirement, all Olympic Pipe Line (OPL) facilities are surrounded by 7-foot chainlink fences topped with an additional foot of 45-degree negative-angle barbwire. Vegetation is kept clear around both the inside and outside of the fenced area. All facilities also have security lights directed inward.

At block valve locations, the access is limited by a variety of fences. All motor-operated valve sites are fenced in the same manner as the stations. Handwheel-operated sites are either fenced off completely (including access over the top of the fence) or protected by a cattle guard which is made from welded steel pipe. Many of the block valve sites have been designed in padlocked concrete vaults to allow visual inspection of the valve condition.

Each site has a variety of gates to allow personnel access. The number of gates required at each facility is based on the requirements of the facility in question. All gates to all facilities are padlocked closed when OPL personnel are not on site. The local fire and police departments will either be provided with keys to the padlocks or will cut the padlocks to allow entrance in the event of an emergency.

OPL has not experienced significant vandalism on its existing 400-mile line in western Washington and has not found it necessary to have video surveillance of unmanned surface facilities. As described above, each pump station and block valve location is fenced. Each pump station will be visited at least 3 times per week, and may be visited more frequently depending upon location. The Kittitas Terminal will have someone on site several hours per day. Any changes in the operation of a pump station or a block valve would be immediately noticed at the Control Center. OPL will have staff who live within one hour of all pipeline locations, and they would be immediately notified to go to the site. As a backup, local police may also be contacted and asked to visit the site to determine whether an unlawful entry has occurred.

The pipeline route is subject to aerial surveillance on a frequent basis. Federal regulations require the entire route to be flown 26 times per year. OPL schedules flights weekly to ensure that when weather conditions prohibit inspection, they maintain an average of one complete flight every two weeks. Much of the proposed route is on existing corridors that are patrolled by others such as law enforcement officers, Washington State Parks personnel and personnel from private companies. OPL will coordinate with all of these entities to ensure that all are aware of the proper emergency notification procedures.

Where the pipeline is exposed, such as at bridge crossings, it will be coated with concrete for greater protection.

2.16.2 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

OPL will establish an emergency response plan for the Kittitas Terminal to ensure employee safety from the following emergencies: flood, medical emergency, major power loss, fire, extreme weather, earthquake, volcano, and bomb threat. The plan will be established prior to completion of construction. The plan will follow the requirements of WAC 296-24-567 and 296-62-3112 and 29 CFR 1910.38, Emergency Action Plan. All hourly and salaried employees, including administrative staff as well as contractors and visitors, will be covered by the plan.

The Emergency Response Plan will be administered by the Facility Manager who will be responsible for overall coordination of the plan. The plan is outlined in Section 7.2.

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